

St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter



1st December 2023



Aaron from Trinity Street Trees delivering our Christmas tree kindly donated by Erin and Naomi's family – soon to be decorated by our children



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a good week at St Mary's and the children even got to see some snowflakes.

It was lovely to be joined by some of our families for our Liturgy for 'In November we Remember'.

Our PTFA have worked very hard to organise, set up and run the Christmas Shop for the children at St Mary's. The children 'shopped' today for Christmas gifts for their families and friends, which they really enjoyed. Many thanks to the members of the PTFA for all their hard work.



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Today, Shire class visited Maumbury Rings as they are looking at the past in History. They learnt why the rings are there and what they have been used for in the past and thought about what they are used for now. They then discussed the similarities and differences. The children pretended to be Roman soldiers and they performed Christmas song for the adult helpers and then enjoyed their snack. The children loved it. Many thanks to our volunteer helpers.

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The council have been working hard this week to prepare the area for the hard standing base for our new bike shelter.



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Sleep a night on the floor – raising money for the Children's Society

We would like to raise money for the Children's Society by our pupils sleeping on the floor at home for one night between now and the 11th December.

If children can gain donations from family and friends for sleeping on the floor this would be great. Please bring in any donations by Friday 15th December and we will pass these onto the Children's Society. Please see the flier attached to the newsletter email – many thanks.

Please do email in a photo of your child sleeping on the floor and we will share this with the other children at St Mary's.

After School Clubs

Please note that next week is the final week for our current after school clubs. There are no clubs running during the last week of term, week 11th December.

School Photos

Just a reminder that the deadline for ordering school photos online from Fraser Portraits is Tuesday 5th December.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you for everyone who donated to the Poppy Appeal this year, St Mary's raised an amazing £215.61 – well done.



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Upcoming events

Next Monday is our Christmas Stories evening & our Advent Carol Service is on Tuesday.

Date	Event
October to January 2024	Tesco community project open for St Mary's
Monday 4 th Dec	Children from Maiden Castle & Icenic classes will be singing carols at Culliford House Residential Home during the morning
Monday 4 th Dec	Christmas Stories Night 5.00-6.00pm – children to come in their PJs, snuggly dressing gowns & clothes to listen to Christmas Stories & have hot chocolate & biscuits
Tuesday 5 th Dec	Advent Carol Service for families – 6.00-6.30pm at St Mary's
Friday 8 th Dec	Icenic class – Journey to the Stable event at

	United Church (morning)
Mon 11 th & Tues 12 th Dec (changed from 12 th & 13 th)	Nativity Plays – 2.15pm & 6.00pm
Wed 13 th Dec	Kingston & Maurward Christmas production – Kingston & Maurward parents/carers invited – 10.00am
Thursday 14 th Dec	Christmas Party Day – children to wear party or festive clothes. If children want to bring in a special treat to eat with their hot lunches or add a treat to their normal packed lunches, they are welcome to.
Friday 15 th Dec	End of Term Service – children only (morning)
Friday 15 th Dec	Children finish for Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 2 nd Jan	Children return to school

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Kingston

This week in Kingston the children had two special visitors, Mary and Danni from Dorchester Library. They read Christmas stories and sang Christmas songs with the children. They talked about how children could visit the library and what there is to do there. Some children were telling Mary and Danni that they go to the Library often.

The visit put all of Kingston in a very festive spirit, and the children can't wait for them to visit again. One child said to Mary and Danni "You are welcome anytime"!



This week's Kids Corner comes from our Anning class, telling us what they have enjoyed & learnt this week.



I have enjoyed that our work is extended from the work we did in Year 1
Darcie

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I like Time for
God, if I am sad,
it makes me
happy
Scarlett

I enjoyed making
a castle in History
James L

I have enjoyed
writing our stories
in English about the
Great Fire of
London
Adriana

I am enjoying
gymnastics in PE
Poppy R

Have a good weekend.

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Paula Fearn
Headteacher